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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. DURING HALF-HOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER LAST NIGHT, I GAVE HIM LETTER DESCRIBED REFTEL (DEPT'S QUICK APPROVAL OF WHICH GREATLY APPRECIATED). AFTER READING CAREFULLY, THE PRESIDENT OBSERVED THAT HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE SOLIDARITY WITH THE UNITED STATES DURING THIS DIFFICULT MOMENT AND TO MANIFEST DOMINICAN SENSE OF HUMANITY TOWARD SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. HE SAID THAT IN PRINCIPLE HE WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT INITIALLY ONE HUNDRED REFUGEES, BUT SINCE THE SOMINICAN REPUBLIC EXPERIENCES A FAIRLY HIGH RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT, HE FELT OBLIGED TO CONDITION HIS OFFER UPON REACHING AGREEMENT WITH THE OFFICES OF UNHCR AND ICEM AS TO THE TYPES OF REFUGEES INVOLVED.

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2. THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED THAT UNSKILLED WORKERS WILLING TO CUT

SUGAR CANE OR WORK IN THE SUGAR MILLS WOULD BE ONE CATEGORY THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST (AS DEPT AWARE, SOME TEN THOUSAND HAITIANS ARE SEASONALLY BROUGHT TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO CUT CANE, SINCE MOST DOMINICANS, DESPITE UNEMPLOYMENT, REFUSE TO DO SO). ANOTHER WOULD BE SKILLED WORKERS IN RICE CULTIVATION. ANOTHER, ARTISANS IN BAMBOO. TOWARD END OF CONVERSATION, THE PRESIDENT ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF ORPHANS AMONG THE REFUGEES AND SAID THAT HE WOULD ALSO ACCEPT SOME OF THEM.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY REGARDING TO WHOM IN THE PALACE THE REFUGEE AGENCIES SHOULD DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, HE SUGGESTED THAT THE HEADS OF THE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM, OF THE STATE SUGAR COUNCIL AND THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE WOULD ALL BE INVOLVED, DEPENDING UPON THE SKILLS OF THE REFUGEES. (THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IS EVIDENTLY NOT GEARED TO HANDLE THIS PROGRAM THROUGH A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT). IF IT IS POSSIBLE, ONCE SKILLS ARE CATALOGUED, THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF GETTING THIS PROGRAM STARTED WOULD BE A PERSONAL VISIT HERE BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS WHO WOULD HAVE A LIST OF PERSONS DESIRING TO COME TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND THEIR SKILLS WHICH COULD THEN BE DISCUSSED WITH ONE OR MORE OF THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYING AGENCIES HERE. IF CORRESPONDENCE APPEARS THE ONLY PRACTICAL METHOD, PLEASE LET US KNOW AND WE SHALL SUPPLY THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AGENCIES. IN ANY EVENT, WE BELIEVE THAT WITH OUR INFLUENCE HERE WE CAN BE HELPFUL TO THE REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS, IF THEY WOULD KEEP US INFORMED THROUGH COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE OR BY CALLING UPON US IF PERSONAL VISITS ARE INVOLVED.
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